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IN THE U. ED STATES PATENT AND TRAD ARK OFFICE

In re application of

"INVERTER CIRCUITS"

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AMENDMENT B

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 1981, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title from "INVERTER CIRCUITS" to "ELECTRONIC INVERTER AND BALLAST CIRCUITS"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10 and 14 as follows:

l. (Amended) In an inverter circuit having at least one pair of alternately conducting transistors in circuit with a DC voltage input and being operable to provide an AC voltage [output] across a pair of outputs, the improvement comprising:

[means comprising a series-connected combination of] an inductor and a capacitor connected in series with each other between said said pair of outputs and in circuit with the transistors [and] to be alternately energized [upon] during alternate conduction thereof; and

means for providing drive current to the transistors to control the inversion frequency thereof to be higher than the natural resonant frequency of the inductor and capacitor combination.

10. (Amended) The inverter circuit of claim 1 [and]

in combination with a load connected in circuit with the inductor

and the capacitor between said said pair of outputs, the load

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